

Application number 10/022,012
Amendment dated 3/24/2004
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2817

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-19 and 25-29 will be pending in this application. Claims 20-24 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 26 has been amended. Support for the amended claim can be found in the specification. No new matter has been added.

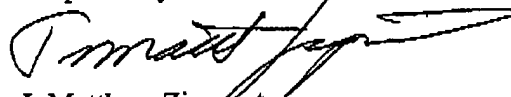
Claim 26 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. This claims has been rewritten in independent format. Claims 1-19, 25, and 27-29 have been allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-752-2456.

Respectfully submitted,



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